

Dear FCC, I have been an amateur radio operator for more than 50 years. I serve as

Assistant Director of the ARRL, AMSAT Area Coordinator, Volunteer Examiner and former club president.

I am in full support of this proceeding. It conforms with international trends, simplifies the licensing process and provides incentives for participation that will encourage people to join the amateur ranks and be part of the communicator pool available in the event of emergencies or communications breakdowns.

I encourage the Commission to adopt this proposed rulemaking without substantive change.

Sincerely,

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